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Dear friend Garrison;

57 I saw Frank at the W. S. Bazar one day last week, & sent a brief word to you, in the hurry & buzz, which I could not blame him if he quite forgot, — not that any special answer was required.

I think now we must fix an early time for being together, & talking, and seeing just where we are as to the A-S. portion of the S. J. M. memoir. Between now & New Year's, as I said to Frank, everybody's time is so liable to be cut up & pre-engaged, that it seems best to leave that out of consideration. — My good old mother has been making us a visit the past 3 weeks (first time for 3 years), & now thinks she shall go back to Boston next week, about Wednesday the 3d. If she does, I shall go with her, of course, and one or

two days will be taken up by that.

Whether she goes, or remains longer, need not make the least difference in your coming to see us. It will be a great pleasure to her to see you, and I think not greatly otherwise for you to meet her.

I would, therefore, name Saturday January 6th, or Monday Jan. 8th, as a time for you to come here. If you come on Sat'y., we can have a good, quiet Sunday doubtless. Take your choice of either; and if neither be convenient to you, I will hold the following days, as far as possible, disengaged, — so as to be ready for you whenever you come.

We hope you have good accounts from Fanny, & here; and that William is gaining. We, one and all, wish you and Mrs. Garrison and all your

family "A Happy New Year".

I am, Very truly Yrs
S. May.